9. Edible Oils Vanaspati, Ghee, Butter Oil.
10. Milk Power.
11. non-soapy detergents (powder).
12. Rice (powdered), Flour, Atta, Rawa and Suji,
13. Salt.
14. Soaps including laundry soap, non-soapy detergent cakes/bars, toilet soap including all kinds of bath soap cakes).
15. Aerated soft drinks, non-alcoholic beverages.
16. Mineral water and drinking water.
17. Paint (other than paste paint of solid paint) varnish, varnish stains, enamels, paste paint, solid paint and base paint.
18. Cement in bags.

Revival of major lakes

903. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the National Lake Conservation Project (NLCP) for the revival of major lakes in the country;

(b) the details of projects taken up for conservation since 2001 and completed; and

(c) the projects yet to be taken up or completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The Government of India is implementing the National Lake Conservation Plant (NLCP) for conservation and management of lakes since June, 2001. Under this Plan, projects are formulated by the State Governments/State Agencies and sanctioned under the NLCP based on pollution status and availability of funds on a cost sharing pattern of 70:30 between Central and State Governments/State Agencies. So far, following projects have been taken up for conservation of 28 lakes in 6 States under NLCP at a total estimated cost of about Rs. 146 crore:—

S.No.	Lakes	Approved cost	State
1.	Powai Lake (Mumbai)	Rs. 6.62 crore	Maharashtra
2.	9 lakes in Thane (Thane)	Rs. 2.53 crore	-do-
3.	Ooty Lake	Rs. 1.95 crore	Tamil Nadu
4.	Kodaikanal	Rs. 6.33 crore	-do-
5.	4 lakes of Bangalore namely, Vengaiahnkere, Kamakshipalya Nagavara and Jarganahalli	Rs. 12.32 crore	Karnataka
6.	Bellandur Lake (Bangalore)	Rs. 5.542 crore	-do-
7.	Kotekere Lake (Bangalore)	Rs. 5.64 crore	-do-
8.	Bhishma (Gadag)	Rs. 2.50 crore	-do-
9.	Lal Bagh (Bangalore)	Rs. 1.66 crore	-do-
10.	Mansagar (Jaipur)	Rs. 24.72 crore	Rajasthan
11.	Rabindra Sarovar (Kolkata)	Rs. 6.96 crore	West Bengal
12.	Mirik (Darjeeling)	Rs. 4.00 crore	-do-
13.	4 lakes of Nainital District Namely, Bhimtal, Sattal, Khurpatal, Naukuchiatal	Rs. 16.85 crore	Uttaranchal
14.	Naini Lake (Nainital)	Rs. 47.97 crore	-do-

The work in respect of 3 lakes namely, Powai (Maharashtra), Vengaiahnkere and Nagavara (Karnataka) are already reported to have been completed. Others are in various stages of implementation.

In addition to the above projects, there are also a number of other proposals formulated by the State Governments and received by the Ministry. The Government of India has also got a study conducted for identification of lakes for inclusion under NLCP. The recommendations of the Study have been sent to the State Governments in 2004, with request to send prioritisation of lakes to be taken up under NLCP. Information from a number of States is still awaited in this regard. Further sanction of lakes under the Programme is proposed to be taken up based on

prioritisation already received from the States and the lakes identified under the Study.

Wildlife Protection Act

904. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been reports of widespread violation of the Wild Life Protection Act by certain State Governments; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps Government are taking to prevent this and ensure protection of our wildlife heritage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) There are reports of few instances of the violation of the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 by States.

(b) The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 provides for the prevention of such violations and to ensure protection of our wildlife heritage. Hon'ble Supreme Court has also prohibited the removal of dead, diseased, dying or wind fallen trees, drift wood and grasses, etc. from any National Park or Sanctuary. In addition, the Hon'ble Court has also given directives to regulate the diversion of National park and Sanctuary area for non forestry purposes.

Policy to check devastation of Mangrove forests

905. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to develop a uniform policy to check devastation of Mangrove forests in the country;

(b) the details of protective measures already in place for Mangrove forests protection;

(c) the funds allotted for this purpose in 2003-04;

(d) whether any international assistance has been sought for protection of Mangrove forests; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?